UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, PROF. JULIA OJIAMBO DURING THE HANDING OVER OF GRABBED LAND TO UON BY EACC, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 AT 11.30 A.M.
• Arch-Bishop (Rtd) Eluid Wabukala, Chairman of Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission,
• The Vice Chancellor of University of Nairobi, Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi,
• The Chief Executive Officer of EACC, Twalib Mbarak,
• The Director of Public Prosecutions, Noordin Ali
• Members of the University community,
• Members of the Media,
• Stakeholders Present,
• Invited Guests,
• Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning,

As we observe the handing-over ceremony of the illegally acquired land to the University of Nairobi, I take this special occasion to express my sincere gratitude to the University team led by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi who consistently and
relentlessly pursued this matter with the Ministry of Lands and all the relevant authorities including EACC to ensure that we recover this land.

As a University, we really appreciate what you have done. Even though it took a little longer, we are delighted with the outcome.
It is true that corruption robs societies of schools, hospitals and other vital services. It drives away foreign investment and strips nations of their natural resources. When not stopped at an early stage, corruption begets more corruption and fosters a corrosive culture of impunity. No country or any institution is immune to corruption, and each and every one of us bears a responsibility of ending it.
So, let us all play a role in bringing an end to corruption. As Nobel Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchú once said, “Without strong watchdog institutions, impunity becomes the very foundation upon which systems of corruption are built. And if impunity is not demolished, all efforts to bring an end to corruption are in vain”.
To the Multi Agency teams that have recently renewed our hope with their zealous fight against corruption, please keep up your fantastic work. Make corruption a high risk undertaking.

Me together with my board, we shall ensure that we promote good governance at the University from the top to the bottom so that the University becomes not
only a centre for academic excellence but also a leading centre for leadership with integrity.

We shall ensure that only persons with high level of integrity get the opportunity to manage our University.

Thank You.

PROF. JULIA OJIAMBO
CHAIR OF COUNCIL,
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI